

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 and 55-88 are withdrawn. Claims 30-54 remain pending. No new matter has been added as a result of the Claim amendments.

Election/Restrictions

In the Office Action, the Examiner states the Application contains the following patentably distinct inventions: Group I is drawn to Claims 1-18; prevention of unauthorized use of data, classified in class 726 subclass 26. Group II is drawn to Claims 19-29; data processing protection by stored data protection, classified in class 713, subclass 193. Group III is drawn to Claims 30-41 and 42-54; multiple computer communications utilizing security kernels, classified in class 713, subclass 164. Group IV is drawn to Claims 55-72; multiple computer communications utilizing particular nodes, classified in class 713, subclass 153. Group V is drawn to Claims 73-88; file protection, classified in class 713, subclass 165.

For purposes of expediting the prosecution on the Application, the Applicant is hereby electing, without traverse, the invention recited in Group III is drawn to Claims 30-41 and 42-54. It is noted that in the present election of invention, the Applicant is not making a statement that the invention identified in the office action are, or are not, patentably distinct from other inventions identified in the requirement of election/restriction. Instead, the Applicant is electing a invention in the interest of expediting the prosecution of the application.

Conclusion

In light of the above-listed remarks, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claims 30-41 and 42-54.


The Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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